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Dear Sir.

I am enclosing a paper entitled "En infective factor controlling sex compatibility in Escherichia coli" which was written in collaboration with Drs.J.Lederberg and E.M.Lederberg of Madison, Wisconsin. The rather curious coincidence happened, that similar phenomena mere observed almost at the same tile in both our laboratories, and in Dr.Hayes's laboratory, Postgraduate Medical School, London. It was then agreed to publish, both Hayes's and our joint paper on the same Journal, possibly on the same issue.

I should be grateful if you would consider the enclosed paper for publication on the Journal of General Misrobiology. I am forwarding this manuscript to you through the courtesy of Dr. Hayes, who has also kindly agreed to act on our behalf for correcting proofs.

Yours sincerely

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